#### When the Land Was Young.

HUGH SAXBY.

This quaint invitation is among the sacred relics of our family, preserved in the oaken writing desk which belonged grandmother, to whose golden wedding my father was thereby invited. Alas! to think that my own silver wedding is since passed and my golden wedding day approaching. The name of cept only in my eldest son, Hugh Saxby | quite you for this service." Moreland, who himself has left the home of his youth and is now a prosperous merchant of St. Louis.

But it was to write of my grandmother that I took up my pen, and to that intent I have opened her cabinet and taken out therefrom the packet of her letters and her journal to refresh my father and mother having both died of late war, though of the king's side, who Not another word." the better to have my grandmother before the reader's ayes I will let her speak

I was born (said my grandmother) in the midst of strife, when our land was by success the ambition of a few me a child, though at the time I had er and mother tell. Rather will I confor it is well that thou shouldst know of it, seeing that it is of the history of our family.

troubles with the King of England was of very considerable wealth and station, being descended from a former governor of the colonies dispatched hither appeared for my hand, I did not counte- girl, but a woman grown, I was wont called, but my father forbade me, under by King Charles II, whose son elected to remain here after the term of his father had expired. We were therefore think that he designed a greater match met with Hugh Saxby, with whom I lover and felt in my heart that he trustmore highly thought of, being higher born than the other settlers in these parts, who were for the most part Quakers, Anabaptists and others who sought here the liberty of conscience denied them in England, though some of them equalled our family in wealth of only, as it were, by chance, but he never mile or so distant from our house (my

etiquette, though in matters of religion look towards him, expecting to read ad- tended to shoot that day. rather loosely. I have since come, by miration in his glance, but ever the same the grace of God, to think more serious- twinkle of merriment was in his eyes, thinking pleasant thoughts in the sweet ly of heavenly things and less of earthly to my mortification. In the contrary | September afternoon, for I was somethrough the influence of my dear husbeautiful girl. Nay, doubt not, child. ber that I am now near eighty years love in my heart, but only pride, and to diately he himself appeared, with apoloof age, and surely it is no longer vanity to speak of that which has long since withered away, except in the eyes of beautiful to-day than I ever was, while jealousy. The next time I met him I until the lengthening snadows warned ment by her master. No words can tell he is to me the comeliest man I have ever seen. But I am wandering. Thou ladies and gentlemen, when, seeing him ing the birds which he had snot, we We were young then, and it seems so

large retinue of servants, and slaves to | behind a little by the others, while one | game. his master and the privileges of the gentry were all swept away. Yet he

ing with thy grandfather and his court- i dicament. ship; a love story. 'Tis well to see thy !

there was no friendship between our consciously delivered the blow. family and theirs, for they were Quaktime I was about fourteen years of age, events ensued which made me forget my also by name, and using the thee-thou wilt not be bound by him I fear I must." be spoken for. Being a proud, willful girl, I was glad to take my opportunity somewhat, I began to turn my atten- troth was plighted. I knew that he alone, pretending to go no further than the paddock, where I was allowed to ride without escort. But after I had ridden a while in the paddock, being tempted by the beauty of the day, the mad fit seized me to canter through the woods, which came here almost to the

Accordingly, I opened the paddock began drinking to his heart's content. | was ordered to be sold. making as if he would lie down and wallow in the water. Never was maid, I study of human nature; for directly it fired at so close range, wounded the bear er's heart should soften toward Hugh. think, in such perplexity, yet if I had began to be whispered that my father was in difficulties his former friends treated him coldly, forgetting the lavish done drinking and would then willingly hospitality he had ever maintained for with the stock till the gun was shattered turn homewards. Instead of remaining their enjoyment. And now, also, I was in his hands. still, as I should have done. I sat strain- deposed from my position of queen of The bear, being recovered from the ing at the reins and crying aloud for beauty, for there were others estab- first shock, rose again, and with a roar help, though my voice seemed lost in lished, rivals, though in my time there rushed at me, who stood before him. that wilderness. At my first cry I heard had never been a whisper of rivalry-I My lover, with his hunting knife in a gun discharged, as if in response, at was considered peerless—the one a hand, threw the whole force and strength no great distance from me, and soon a bread-and-butter miss, with a doll's face, of his six feet of manhood upon the beautiful spaniel came running to the the other a saucy wench, with black eyes brute, and so the two rolled over in deadmargin of the stream, wagging its tail and a turned-up nose, and a tongue more ly embrace. as if in token of approaching aid. A few | smart than witty. moments afterwards a tall young man about twenty years of age, bearing a friendship, though my father stubbornly fowling piece in his hand, strode through the underbrush and came also to the

"Didst thou call for help?" he asked.
"Yes." I answered, pettishly; "my pony will not come out of the water," pulling at the reins while I spoke.

son who had thus opportunely come to ployed, being ashamed that my father my assistance, but to notice that he was should so discourteously treat his neigh-

Friend Christopher Chetwind—Thy presonce is desired on 19th September, instant,
being the happy anniversary of our wedding day, the golden wedding of us twain.
Thy wife (our daughter) and so many of
thy family as may conveniently come are
bidden with thee to the feast.

THEODORA SAXBY.

In his cyes as of suppressed merriment made me pout and blush; my hair also,
having come unbound in my ride, hung
over my shoulders and made me look
the more discomposed. His fowling
piece and well-filled game bag explained
his presence in the woods. Arrived on
dry land, he let go of my bridle, and,
bidden with thee to the feast.

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should suppose," muttered my father.

"Thy troubles are common talk," resumed Mr. Saxby, "therefore it is not
did curiosity which impels me to seek
the but a neighborly desire to befriend
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the more discomposed. His should suppose, "muttered my father.

"The but have a profile of friendtowards our house. It was a weary,
weary half mile I carried him
towards our house. It

"I am Hugh Saxby, at thy service," safe on thy way?"

fold in my own coin for my proud speech. accept or reject it at thy pleasure." However, I could say no more, for he at | "You and your money go to perdition,"

disappeared in the woods.

brance of herself and the story of her be interested to hear of the gay clothes church. This is too much. It is enough approached me as I ministered to Hugh. a fever which ravaged the land. And was now settled in upper Canada near | While my father thus raged on 1 number of our friends, and graced by trition I felt at the insults being heaped | will tell of it." spoke to me when telling the the presence of the Governor of the upon his father by mine, for his eyes the presence of the Governor of the upon his father by mine, for his eyes "Not if he were dying a thousand State and his lady. I was chief brides- softened as he looked at me, and a look deaths in one, and I could with a word maid, and second only to the bride in of pity came in them, almost amounting gayety of costume. How proud I was of to tenderness, I thought. my new satin petticoat, quilted and The Saxbys, father an being freed from the tyrant, as the say. | wadded until it was as stiff as a board | room as soon as my father had done ing was, though in truth men fought almost, and my velvet bodice rich with speaking, but the effect of their visit for liberty of conscience at the first with diamond buckles, and my hair done of the evening, making him moody and him to his home, my father acquiescing rather than for separation from the up in a tower on my head, though spoilt, restiess, and he again sought consolation so far as to permit it, and, he being gone, mother country; but being borne along I thought, by the powder in it, which I in the wine cup. wore for the first time that day. My snatched at the chance of political power her lace veil falling behind, and a long Saxby, which made my father doubly and the land was declared independent. train to her dress held up by two pages | sore with him, for, said he, see how the Nay, child (my grandmother still called as she walked, and a wreath of orange

blossoms on her head. In the throng which gathered without already seen and loved John Moreland, the church to see the wedding I saw injustice. my husband), nay, my child, do not ask me for a story of those times, though nearly two years had gone by since I had nearly two years had gone by since I had seen him at the brook. He looked hand-hold, and we would even yet have ruade hold, and we would even yet have ruade hold. by our countrymen, for I could only re- last time I saw him, and though I met | the estate if it had been free from debt. | chance, nor of the words which had peat to thee what I have heard my fath- his eyes but once, and that for a mo- But unfortunately it was not, and my passed between us while we faced toriment, which showed that he rememfine myself to what has happened to me, bered also our last meeting, but no trace of admiration, at which I was vexed, and did not look towards him again.

My father's family before the late self, which pleased me mightily, for I acres of land round the house and that father and boldly asked for my hand in was young and proud, and it delighted | not of the best soil and encumbered with | marriage. My father took the proposition, me to see the power of my beauty over | debt. the hearts of the men who were presented to me. But though many suitors | social position and no longer a young and person. I did not see Hugh when he for me than any which these country now spoke at our meeting, and by little ed me.

in fact, of a large part of the country, | thoughts. Thus it chanced that on the for no function was complete without 19th of September, a day of horror, but my presence. During all this time I saw | mixed with loving memories, ! promised | Hugh Saxby upon rare occasions, and to meet him at a point in the woods a but a maid would always follow me. I was brought up straightly as regards | dressed in my gayest clothes, I would | give me some partridges which he inthought but to bring Hugh Saxby to my once or twice in the distance, and sat approached me; but what I should do with him when I had subdued him I presently his spaniel Fan came running marry him never entered my head. I gies for keeping me waiting, though it had tried coquetry in vain. Now, in was not yet the time set for our meetmonotony of our country life. Of re- towards him while he handed me my hear the spaniel barking most furiously ligion there was very little in the house whip and reined in my horse to a walk, in a thicket by the side of the path. save in the outward form of attending talking gayly with my escort, keeping a Hugh Saxby called to her, but she disrechurch. In politics my father's cavaller covert watch on the approaching form garded his command, and now a savage blood remained unchanged. I have even until he was close to us, and then looked, growl in the underbrush froze the blood

heard him complain, when talking to his laughing at a sally from my escort, in my veins with terror. At the same friends, that the country was no longer | straight into Hugh Saxby's face. The | instant a huge bear, coming out of the fit to live in since Jack was as good as | twinkle was gone from his eyes; nothing | thicket, stood in the path before us. Now, remained but complete indifference. I the nature of these beasts is not to mowas foiled. I had forgotten that for lest people, but rather to flee than to submitted to the change brought about | jealousy to grow there must already be | court battle except first attacked, when | though he had scarce done anything by General Washington, and served a in the heart a sentiment of passion. Now they become very flerce. This bear, hav- else since our meeting, and made me tell number of years as a member of Con- I perceived that this was entirely lack- ing been disturbed at his supper of ber- the story of our adventures after the ing in the heart of Hugh Saxby; that the ries in the thicket by the spaniel, which time that he lost consciousness in the I know what thou wouldst have me only remembrance he had of me was of still continued to bark and snap at him, bear's embrace. After this we fell to tell, saucy girl. The story of my meet- a willful child taken in an absurd pre- seeing us before him, began to think that walking, arm in arm, to and fro, a small the mockery of gayety presented in the The pleasure of life was gone for me his hind legs with a terrible roar. Hugh | future.

blushes, child. They are the blazon of for that afternoon. Pleading a head- Saxby placed himself before me, though blushes, child. They are the blazon of thy innocence, and thy John is a good man and true.

Our first meeting of which I have re
Our Our first meeting of which I have re- wondered somewhat at the sudden front of the monster, and leveled the "Aye, and he forbade me also," membrance was on this wise. The Sax- changes in my carriage. This was the piece at his breast by farm marched with my father's first check my pride had ever received, estate, and we were neighbors, though and I took it hardly at the first, being calling me by name for the first time, a full two miles divided the houses. But especially angry at the man who had un- "Run; thou canst escape while I engage over me, I denied his right to appoint

By and by I looked at the matter in subdue with my charms of person might | struggle. look favorably upon the housewifely graces newly found in me, which, from his training, he would admire in a pray to God for deliverance.'

Beginning now to take closer observation of our home life than I had former- heart was too great for me to pray. ly done, I found that matters were not going well with us. My father had contracted the habits of his gay compan- to two or three paces, roaring and showions, of drinking much wine and playing ing his fangs in a most frightful manner, gate, and, gaining the road unseen, was at cards, and at times I found myself until it seemed to me that his shaggy soon galloping down the thoroughfare without the ready money in hand to breast was pressed against the muzzle out misunderstanding. So shall we agree which led over hill and dale to the next pay the household expenses. To cut of the gun. Through all my terror I upon the matter as if we were already village. All went well until, reaching short the story of our troubles, my father could not but admire how my lover (I man and wife.' the bottom of the hill, I came to a had borrowed considerable money on may call him so now) stood like a statue, He looked at me a moment, and then mortgage of the estate to pay his gam- reserving his fire till the last possible he kissed me a thousand times, and so it ing no bridge. Here I designed to stop bling debts, as it afterwards appeared, moment, for there was nothing but a has ever been with us since then in our and retrace my steps, but the pony, to the full value of the estate. Things charge of birdshot in the piece. My disputes, each knowing that whatever scenting the water, would no longer having come to this state, the climax heart stood still watching the scene, the other may say is but to bring the obey me. Without regarding my pulling was not long in approaching. My father, waiting for a sign from my lover, till matter under consideration to a proper at the reins with all my strength, he being unable to pay the interest of the at last, after what appeared an age, the understanding and never for to give ofwalked into the water, which reached so mortgage, tried to borrow more, but, not finger pressed the trigger; there was a fense or reproach. high as to wet my habit, and there he being able to do so, part of the estate deafening report, mingled with a cry of And so, after some more talk, we part-

Here I learned a second lesson in the

Our adversity brought us one offer of refused it. It was again the 19th of September. In the evening word was to do. I saw the bear hug Hugh in his brought to my father in the withdrawing great paws until the breath went from room, where he and I alone were sitting, his body. His eyes closed and the knife that two gentlemen wished to speak to fell from his grasp. Then I rushed for-him. My father ordered them shown up, ward, seized the knife and plunged it and there appeared Hugh Saxby with his father. On seeing who entered my father rose, without bidding his visitors gushed out over me, and the blood gushed out over me, and the brute rolled be seated, and remained standing while over dead, my lover still in his embrace, loathed it. The country society to which He said no more, but, stepping into his father. On seeing who entered my till the heart was reached. The blood the stream, he laid hold of my pony's father rose, without bidding his visitors gushed out over me, and the brute rolled bridle and led him unresisting out of the be seated, and remained standing while water. he asked them their business. I bent I was too confused to observe the per- over the sewing at which I was em-

question, "hearing that trouble has come in his eyes as of suppressed merriment | to thee, to make thee a proffer of friend-

"To think that the business of the Ar- to the bottom of the wagon in a swoon. making a reverence, though I still saw dells is common talk," exclaimed my the laughter in his eye. "May I see thee father, throwing himself into a chair. our arrival at the house, where already Well, go on, friend neighbor, with thy my absence was noted. When the wagon

holden to a Quaker of whom I had often | with delicacy," returned Mr. Saxby, "but | the servants thought us dead, and the heard my father speak contemptuously, between neighbors it is best to speak commotion brought out my father. His and being hurt in my pride to be found plainly. Friend Ardell, thou are in need solicitude for me was great until the by him in such a plight, and the more of money. I have money laid by me, maids, by throwing water in my face so as I could see he was inwardly merry and thou art not of the community of and burning feathers under my nose, ding day approaching. The name of at my expense. "I am not far from Friends, yet art thou my neighbor, and, revived me, and I sat up, asking that saxby even has already disappeared, ex- home. My father, Mr. Ardell, will re- if thou art content, I will lend thee suffi- Mr. Saxby be taken to a bed and a surcient for thy present necessities. The geon sent for. At this my father was "There is nothing due," he replied, rules of our community will not allow me wroth and cried out against it. with another bow, though the cold, even to take a pledge of thee beyond thy "Shall I have this carried tone of his words repaid me a hundred- word. This is my offer; it is for thee to house?" said he; "no, by my faith! The

once turned, and, whistling to his dog, roared my father, beside himself with rage, springing from his chair. "You tell | ing a little between his lips, till at last | How I got home and was chidden for me, with your smug face and canting he moved and I heard him murmur my spoiling my habit I need not tell thee, ways, that I am not of your sect. You, name, I thought, but I could only hear though I remember well. a Quaker, you dare to tell me that you the syllables "Dora," which made my The next event in my life was my sis- will venture to do a kindness to me even heart glad, and I mingled my tears with ter's wedding, and here again thou wilt | though I belong to the established we wore. My sister's beauty had cap- to be humiliated by the offer of your tured the heart of a Captain Aylmer, a money; your Christian brotherliness is happen? How comes it that you and the former neighbor of ours, an officer in the | too much. Out of the house with you. | son of my enemy are together in this

The Saxbys, father and son, left the old point lace, and high-heeled shoes stayed with him during the remainder

The day of sale having arrived, the sneaking rogue would have lent me money upon it and got it for the mortgage; thereby doing the Saxbys yet more

somer and more manly grown since the a good showing upon what was left of leaving him to think that we had met by for, as everything new is on hand. ment, I saw in them the twinkle of mer- father, going again to the capital and gether the danger coming upon us. again losing great sums of money at With a straightforward man, as my Mr. Saxby being again the purchaser. After my sister's departure I began to hold, living in a corner of our great man- Nor was I mistaken, for the fourth day be made much of, with a maid for my- sion, with only a pitiful bundred or wo after our adventure he called upon my

nance any of them, and, strange to say, to walk to and from the village for the penalty of his curse, to speak to the man gained my will with my father in reject- purpose of ordering provisions for the again. I was sorrowful to hear this. ing all offers; but I have since come to house of to church, and thus frequently but not cast down, because I trusted my and little we would walk together, I Thus for five years or so I was the finding him a most agreeable compar- out our meeting, during which time a appeared to notice me. Meeting him, first tryst with him), where he would

I walked slowly to the appointed spot,

he was being attacked, and rose upon

"Nay, Hugh, I will not run, leaving ers and not of gentle blood. At that a more reasonable light, and soon other thee in danger," I replied, calling him and my elder sister being of marriage- having been humbled, though not the I had learned from him. I stepped to able age, though not yet married, I was | man who had humbled me. My mother | his side as I spoke and put my hand kept under somewhat until she should about this time began to fail, and the within his arm. He turned his face to wishest." gayety of my life having begun to cloy me one moment, and in that glance our to run away from the observations of tion to household duties, and (I will con- loved me, and my joy in being loved by I abide under his roof I must obey his our governess, and so, mounting my fess it) being impelled thereto by the him and pride to see him so calmly face | will. thought that the man whom I could not, this danger nerved me for the coming "Stand behind me then," he said, again

fixing his attention on the enemy, "and

The bear, from being some ten paces rage and pain from the bear, and in- ed, having come to the understanding stantly my lover was alert. The shot, that we should wait and see if my fathsorely, perhaps mortally, and he fell to but the severest test of his love was for

done so, that at this juncture a great dead also, I feared.

Still the strange calmness possessed me. Instead of bewailing my lover's I was almost ashamed when I was led death, I released him from the carcass forward in a ballroom, presented as Miss of the bear and put my hand upon his Ardell, the famous New England beauty, tall and straight, clad in a gray suit, bors,
which became him well, with a frank, open countenance, as he gravely led elder Mr. Saxby in reply to my father's brought me infinite relief. I kissed him I were a new species of creature. On children, which forms a part of the minimum and put my hand upon his heart, to feel a slight flutter there, which the people stared at me as if the phrenologists call 'the love of I brought me infinite relief. I kissed him I were a new species of creature. On children, which forms a part of the minimum and put my hand upon his heart, to feel a slight flutter there, which is phrenologists call 'the love of I brought me infinite relief. I kissed him I were a new species of creature.

"I thank you," I answered as haughtily tale."

as I could, being ashamed to be be- "It is a hard matter to touch upon less bodies, covered with blood and dirt, drove to the door containing our motion-

> "Shall I have this carrion in my dunghill is the place for such as he!" Not heeding my father's words, I took water and washed my lover's face, pourthe water I was using. My father now

"Tell me," he asked, "how did all this

"He defended me from a bear," I rethe cataract of Niagara. The wedding looked up to meet Hugh Saxby's glance. plied; "but first let him be removed to was a grand affair, attended by a great | He must have read in my eyes the con- a bed and properly tended, and then I

ease his pain, would I say that word!" cried my father. "To the dunghill with him! He has already had too much at-

Seeing that my father was so set against him, I ordered the yokel to drive my exhausted nature again sought refuge in a swoon.

For two days I lay in bed, unnerved by my terrible experience and sore with the unwonted and great exertion of my strength. To my mother, on account of her ill health, I told as little as possible of the struggle with the bear, making light of it and treating it as if a slight

cards, some more of the estate was soid, lover was, I knew that so soon as he were able to leave his bed he would seek We were thus reduced to a small nouse- my father to tell him of his love for me. as I feared he would, as the greatest in-Being no longer in my former high sult which could be offered to his name

So two or three weeks passed withreigning belle of our society, the queen, ion, and noble and delicate in his constant watch was kept upon my movements, for fear that I should meet my lover. I was not allowed to leave the vicinity of the house unaccompanied,

I had noticed for several evenings that some one was shooting in a belt of woods which ran along the stream at the foot of the hill where our house stood, but without taking thought what it meant until the idea seized me that it was my lover signaling to me to meet him there. No sooner was this thought in my head but I set to work to find a way of meeting him if it should be he, of which I

Chance favored me, and stepping out without my hat, to appear as if it were not my intention to go far afield, I followed the direction of the shooting, and being come to the edge of the wood I sheer desperation, I chose the keenest ing. We sat awhile enjoying the fair whistled softly and immediately the spanweapon in a woman's armory, namely, evening and counting his bag of gan:e lel, Fan, appeared, followed in a mohappened to be riding with a party of us that the sun was sinking; so, gather- the rapture of that meeting. Ah, me! approach, I dropped my riding whip, as proceeded towards my home, the spaniel long ago! Hugh took me in his arms at My father lived in great state, with a it were, by accident, and thus was left running along by our side, scenting for once and kissed me, oh, so fondly, calling me his dear, his heroine, his princess till the fields, and the house was con- of the gentlemen got off his horse to get While thus slowly walking and in and many other extravagancies. By and tinually filled with guests to kill the it for me. I leaned over very graciously pleasant discourse we were surprised to by, my cheek hidden on his shoulder. I

"Thou art slow, Hugh," said I, "to let a girl get the first kiss of thee." "What doest thou mean?" he asked, while I laughed to see the wonder in his

"Why, simply this," said I, "that I have kissed thee long ere thou has kissed

And so he fell to kissing me again, clearing in the woods, discoursing of the

"My father," said I, "has forbidden me told him to bind them who would mind

him. As for me, having no authority my doings. "Thou wert rash," said I, though proud of him for his manliness, "but if thou "Not so, sweetheart," he said: "thou

art of age and may do whatsoever thou "Nay." I replied, "but a father's word must be made more of than that. Whilst

"Then leave his roof," urged Hugh, "Let us be married now. Every day we wait is an age! Why should we throw away our happiness?"

"It is not like thee, Hugh," I said gravely, "to urge me, for the gratification of our love, to disobey my father!"
"Thy reproach is just," said he, though I did not mean to reproach him, and so

interrupted him "Nay, there is no reproach, Hugh." said, "but only let us argue the matter one with another, in perfect love, with-

me, in obedience to my father. He begged a tress of my hair, which I gave him, and then he broke a sixpence, as a token of our betrothal, between his finger and thumb, he was so strong. Here is my half which he gave me, around my neck on this chain. Thou mayest see his half of it upon his watch-

chain every day. My father, being in straitened circumstances, having nothing but the remains of his estate, and that encumbered, now resolved to sell the one asset remaining to him-namely, myself. He was determined to find a great match for me and to provide for himself out of the jointure. To this intent, he carried me to New York shortly after New Year's, and there I was at once plunged into the vortex of metropolitan society. Some years earlier I had been used appeared vidiculo compared with the elegance of the city.

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der on the rude, but at least it was honest and much more to be desired than

My beauty made some stir, but not so expence, constantly pressing on my heart, kept continually reminding me that the only man in the world for me was absent, and I was careless of pleasing and indifferent to flattery. My features, always immobile, now assumed a set mask of apathy, so that I began to be called "the cold Miss Ardell" and "the

soulless statue."

My father, toward the close of the winter season, called me to him and informed me that he had received a proposal of marriage for me and had accepted it. Then occurred my quarrel with my father, which breach was never healed. Speaking as calmly as I could, I told him that I was already betrothed and to whom. My father's wrath was terhe used, choosing rather to forget them, Presently, having exhausted his anger. he tried to cajole me, but to no purpose. Then he descended to meanness and laid a plot to part me from my lover. He carried me into Maryland, to the

city of Baltimore, causing a report to e circulated at home that I was married and gone to live with my husband in Baltimore. This I did not know til afterward, but the design failed of its object, for Hugh carried next his heart my letter written just before leaving New York, telling him of the quarre with my father and that I was entirely his. After some months in Baltimore my father left me there, to go home to attend to some business, which, I afterwards learned, was the sale of the homestead, the last of his estates. Upon his of my marriage and threatened me-yes threatened me with bodily injury-if I ersisted in refusing. Thinking then that filial duty had reached its limit, I replied that I would marry, though in my heart l named Hugh for my husband, and so contented him, but that day I sent a letter to Hugh telling him that he must

come to me at once. The weeks were long in bringing him. for traveling was slow in those days, out at last I received a token from him that he was arrived. I dared not receive a letter from him on account of my father's suspicion. So, on the 19th of September, 1797, I made an excuse to ment and within an hour was married and departed from Baltimore in a postchaise with four horses. We traveled with the greatest expedition, and at last to see the postillions take the way to my father's house.

"What does this mean?" I asked my "I bought this house for my bride. he answered, kissing me. -Fred Stamper, in New York Evening Post.

Philadelphia Record.

He Growled Then.

up of every dog. I have never in all my experience found one of those faithful ani-mals that did not evince a watchful tenderness and love toward children. An interestfew days ago. One of my neighbors owns a huge mastiff, which is generally credited with having anything but a good disposition. neighborhood have jolly times with the dog. One day last week, however, I heard the dog growling fearfully, and fearing that my little girl might be bitten by the dog lealled to her. She hadn't been near the dog. but when I asked her if she knew what alled the brute, she artlessly replied: 'I guess the boys are sticking pins in him. He always growls that way when they do.'

#### A Child's Grievance.

One of my friends keeps a journal in which he records the brightest sayings and doings an, that friend of mine, for it's really a task to get hold of the book, and she never quotes from it. The very latest entry-or, t least, it was the latest up to Thursday noon-concerns her little four-year-old daughter Marian. Marian wanted to attend the street. Her mother, who has an abundsat by the window and cried. Midway of her sobs she looked up and said, reproachfully: "Mamma, I don't see why it is you never want me to have any pleasure excursions."

A Dream. Karl M. Sherman, in Chips. In heaven a white-robed angel laid aside his harp and going to the Lord, said, 'Father, I would sleep again."
Tenderly smiling, the Almighty replied, 'It is permitted."

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